

Sub, 3> 77. A gaming system that pays credits responsive to an outcome of a game played comprising:

- a. a plurality of gaming apparatus;
- b. an electronic memory means for storing an amount of credit available for play, said amount of credit being determined by the outcome of at least one of game apparatus played;
- c. a code reader associated with said plurality of gaming apparatus including for reading a unique code on a permanent storage medium;
- d. a means for generating a unique code on said permanent storage record representing an identification code, said unique code capable of being read by said code reader; and
- e. means for providing a first signal to said electronic memory means responsive to said unique code on said first permanent storage record, said electronic memory means generating a second signal representing the amount of credit for play associated with said unique code; whereby said permanent storage means generated by one of such plurality of gaming apparatus can be ready by another of said plurality of gaming apparatus and credit received for play of said other gaming apparatus.

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78. The gaming apparatus of claim 77 in which said code is in the form of a bar code and said code reading means comprises a bar code reader.

79. The gaming apparatus of claim 77 in which said means for generating said first code is a bar code printer.

80. The gaming apparatus of claim 77 in which said permanent storage record is paper, said paper being stored in said gaming apparatus.

81. The gaming apparatus of claim 80 in which said paper is stored in said gaming apparatus in the form of a roll.

82. The gaming apparatus of claim 77 in which said first code is in the form of a magnetic code on a magnetic strip, and said code reading means comprises a magnetic code reader.

83. The gaming apparatus of claim 82 in which said means for generating said first code is a magnetic code printer.

84. The gaming apparatus of claim 77 comprising a means for accepting paper currency.

#### REMARKS

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for